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Interstate 17 Construction Update

No freeway restrictions for Thanksgiving weekend
Closures at Carefree Highway resume next week for bridge work

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The Arizona Department of Transportation would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and reminds you that there will not be any work scheduled on freeways throughout the state during the long holiday weekend from Wednesday evening until Monday morning. Please drive safely and remember: Don't Drink and Drive.

Upcoming Restrictions

As part of the ongoing improvement project for I-17 and the traffic interchange project at Carefree Highway (State Route 74), continued temporary closures and restrictions are scheduled.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Once improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction will begin on freeway widening north to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley over the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on I-17 - for the most up-to-date listing, check the project [Web site](#):

[Interstate 17 at Carefree Highway \(State Route 74\)](#)

Monday, Nov. 26 – Tuesday, Nov. 27

10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

Southbound I-17 will be restricted to one lane from Monday night until Tuesday morning.

Tuesday, Nov. 27 - Friday, Nov. 30

10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

I-17 will be closed in both directions at Carefree Highway during overnight hours from Tuesday, Nov. 27 until the morning of Friday, Nov. 30 for work on the new Carefree Highway interchange. Through traffic on I-17 will be detoured onto the Carefree Highway interchange ramps.

Carefree Highway from I-17 to North Valley Parkway

Carefree Highway, just east of I-17, will be restricted to one lane westbound through early 2008 for work related to the reconstruction of the Carefree Highway interchange.

Drivers should anticipate minor delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel schedules to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct these improvements on I-17.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our [Web site](#) for the most current information about planned I-17 restrictions.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the [ADOT Web site](#).

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Brock Barnhart at 602.712.7176 or bbarnhart@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.com or call 5-1-1.

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